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Item 1

Program of Psychological Preparation for Stalin's Passing from Power  
(D-24)

Summary: The purpose of this paper is to authorize preparatory work in the psychological field to exploit Stalin's passing from power. It provides for the preparation of stand-by instructions for the period immediately following Stalin's passing from power and a continuous study of the situation and possibilities of exploiting it to induce conflicts and tensions among the top leadership. It further provides for analysis and development of feasible plans which might eventually shape events in directions favorable to U. S. interests.

25X1A You will recall that the [REDACTED] study on political vulnerabilities of the Soviet Union high lighted this subject as one which should receive continuing attention. Previous interdepartmental efforts in this direction have been unproductive.

The staff has reviewed this paper and believes it establishes the necessary framework and authority for interdepartmental preparatory steps toward the continuing analysis of a vital psychological problem, in which the development of an integrated psychological approach is a matter of priority and importance.

Recommendation: That you approve PSB D-24 and nominate [REDACTED]

25X1A [REDACTED] as the Agency representative and principal point of contact concerning the interdepartmental work on this problem.

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Item 2

PSB Quarterly Progress Report to the President and the  
National Security Council (PSB D-34)

Summary: This is the final draft of the first PSB Quarterly Progress Report on the National Psychological Effort. It covers the period, 1 July through 30 September 1952. Following approval by the Board, this report will be submitted to the President and the National Security Council.

Section III-C of this report describes CIA's activities during the past quarter and will be included only in a limited number of copies. These copies of the report will be classified TOP SECRET—EYES ONLY and will be subject to special security handling. Additional copies of the report, excluding Section III-C, will be classified TOP SECRET and given more general distribution.

It is understood by the PSB that the President is planning to give the new Chief Executive a comprehensive briefing on the status of national policies and programs. This quarterly report will undoubtedly be included in the briefing package.

You may wish to note particularly Section I (pages 2-5)<sup>TAB A</sup>, which provides an excellent summary of the paper, and Section III-C<sup>TAB B</sup> (pages 24-37), which describes CIA activities during the past quarter.

Recommendation: That you approve this draft for submission to the President and the National Security Council.

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Item 3

President's Escapee Program for Fiscal Year 1954  
(PSB D-18a/5)

Summary: The Board is being asked to approve the plans and budget estimates of the Department of State for the reception, care, and resettlement of escapees from Soviet-dominated areas during fiscal year 1954. In this paper (attached as Tab B), the State Department recommends continuation of the present escapee program in Europe. It also recommends the extension of this program, on a selective basis, to the Near East and Far East, as well as to escapees from Yugoslavia.

CIA was represented on an inter-agency panel which reviewed the State Department proposals at the request of the Director, PSB. (The comments of this panel are attached as Tab A.)

With respect to Yugoslavia (Tab B, page 11), the Department of State points out that the lack of legislative authority has been a serious obstacle to the effective administration of the escapee program in that area. In response to questions by the representatives of CIA, PSB, and Defense, the State Department has expressed confidence that U. S. relationships with the Yugoslav Government would not be impaired if their proposal were adopted to amend enabling legislation which permits inclusion of Yugoslavia for refugee care and handling.

The escapee program for fiscal year 1954, including the State Department's recommendations for expansion, is estimated to require 15 million dollars, of which approximately  $6\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars will be in counterpart funds.

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Recommendation: That you approve the plans and budget proposals of  
the Department of State for fiscal year 1954. However,  
you may wish to seek additional assurance from the Department of  
State representative that the extension of this program to Yugoslav  
escapees will not jeopardize the success of CIA programs which depend  
upon the cooperation of Yugoslav officials.

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